



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 2304**  
Ryoji YAMAGUCHI et al. : Docket No. 99\_0926A  
Serial No. 09/380,187 : Group Art Unit 2615  
Filed August 26, 1999 : Examiner James A. Fletcher

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire July 6, 2004, a petition for a two (2) month extension of time up to and including September 6, 2004, being filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975